



DFIRS NEWS

Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System

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Message from the Program Manager

The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) standard for the State of Delaware is NFIRS 5.0. While your department may document fire incidents in a third party software or in paper format, this information has not been electronically transferred to the National database.

If you have a third party software simply follow your vendors instructions and export your incident information for period 1/1/2001 through present. E-mail or send a diskette to our office for processing.

If you currently do not have a software program in place, please contact me for further assistance.

The DFIRS Program has a 50% participation goal by June 2002 and the remaining 50% participation by December 31, 2002. It is our desire that all departments be NFIRS 5.0 compliant by December 31, 2002.

The State Fire Marshal's Office in conjunction with NFIC will be conducting the first NFIRS system training January 5 - 6, 2002. Training will be conducted in a 16-seat computer lab. Consequently, only one member from 16 departments will be selected for this training. Selection will be based on the "Fire Department Assessment Form" results.

Training Schedule

NFIRS 5.0 training details are as follows:

Place:

State of Delaware OIS Learning Center, Dover, DE

Date:

January 5 - 6, 2002 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Who should attend:

Due to limited seating, focus will be placed on individuals who do not currently have a software program in place and wish to use the free Federal Client Tool. Departments intending to implement NFIRS immediately will receive higher priority.

Course Prerequisites:

Electronic Incident Reports must commence by February 1, 2002.

Distributed Materials:

1. Completed FDID Listing
2. Print out of NFIRS Internet Tutorial
3. Quick Reference Guide
4. NFIRS Software
5. Contact Information for Technical Support

How to sign up:

Contact DFIRS Program Manager, Crystal Beach for further details.

What if our Fire Department is currently not reporting NFIRS 5.0?

- Make a choice on which method your department will utilize to report incident information. The options are third party software or the free Federal Client Tool. (Please see the October Newsletter for explanation of options.)
- If your department decides to utilize the free Federal Client Tool, contact the DFIRS Program Manager.
- If your department decides to utilize third party software, follow vendor instructions on exporting incident information on a monthly basis.

Indian River - First Reporting Fire Department in State!

The Indian River Fire Department has the distinct honor of being the first department in the State of Delaware to comply with NFIRS 5.0 submitting requirements.

The SFMO extends our sincerest thanks to Chief Hawkins and Fire Recorder John Swithenbank III for a job well done.

**DELAWARE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FIRE GRANT
IN FINAL ROUND (RELEASE DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2001)**

WASHINGTON - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today the Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., Little Creek, Delaware would receive a grant in the eleventh round of awards under the Assistance to Firefighters Program. The fire department is slated for \$54,000 for vehicles.

The department is among 128 fire departments across the United States that will receive over \$9 million in grants in the eleventh round of awards under the Assistance to Firefighters Program. More than \$400,000 of the funds in this round are to be used for personal protective equipment, \$580,000 for fire prevention programs, \$2.5 million for wellness and fitness programs, \$1.68 million for firefighting equipment and \$3.9 million for vehicles.

"Any doubts about supporting the training and outfitting of our local firefighters were erased Sept. 11 when the men and women of local fire departments responded so ably and bravely to the terrorist attacks in New York and at the Pentagon," said FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh. "The loss of more than 340 firefighters and emergency personnel at the World Trade Center has hardened my resolve to see that local firefighters have the equipment and training they need.

"President George W. Bush saw for himself the resilience in the eyes of the firefighters and Urban Search and Rescue Task Force members who went to work so diligently in the aftermath of these attacks," Allbaugh said. "I know he strongly supports the continuation of these important grants."

A list of all grant recipients to date is posted on the USFA web site at www.usfa.fema.gov/grants. Future grant recipients will be listed as awards are made.

Congratulations Delaware Grant Recipient:

- Little Creek Fire Department \$54,000.00

Congratulations!
**The following departments are
participating NFIRS 5.0 departments:**

- 1. Indian River Volunteer Fire Company**
- 2. Lewes Fire Department Inc.**
- 3. Bethany Beach Fire Company**

***Special thanks to Chief Davis of Lewes Fire Department
for demonstrating tremendous leadership and vision.***

DFIRS Program Manager Update

Program Manager, Crystal Beach received an intense two-day training course from NFIC representatives at the Dover office during the month of October. This training is the first step in a series of NFIC sponsored training. The next stop is a two-week Program Manager training course held at the National Fire Academy in January.

Questions?

**If you have any questions regarding DFIRS
please use the below contact information.**

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